



The Probus Club of Burlington Lakeshore

Hi-Lites - March 2021

Monday, Feb. 8
10:00 am

ZOOM Meeting

Dr. Paul Evans
Rise of China and
World Order

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President's Message

Instead of my usual message, I am devoting this message to our Mike Hoshoooley. Did you know that he and his wife, Ruth, are leaving us? They are relocating to London, Ontario, to live closer to their family. Mike has been a member of our Club since 2009. It all started during a card game with Ray and Gerry Everett. I contacted Mike for further details and here are his words:

“Ray Everett spoke to me about joining his PROBUS club. He invited me to attend a meeting as a guest and a few months later I officially joined Burlington Lakeshore PROBUS Club. I believe Ed Kearns was the President when I was introduced to the membership. I enjoyed the speakers and camaraderie. The following year I was pleased to accept an invitation to join the Management Committee as Vice President. The next year I succeeded Jim Thurston as President. After my year as Past President, the position of Treasurer was open so I volunteered. I held this position on the Management Committee for 3 years until 2015. I continued as a regular member until 2019 when once again I was recruited as Second Vice President, followed by First Vice President - once again succeeding Jim Thurston.”

Mike should be recognized for his role in the formation of Burlington Mixed PROBUS Club. I asked Mike about this and he blamed his wife as she often mentioned that Burlington should have a Mixed PROBUS Club. Here is Mike’s response to my inquiry:

“I investigated the history of growth of Mixed Clubs and then made a proposal to President, Ron Luxton, that Burlington Lakeshore sponsor one. My proposal was accepted and I proceeded to form an organizing committee with members from the other Men’s Club and several of the Women’s Clubs in Burlington. Despite the past record of lack of enthusiasm among Burlington Clubs, our committee persevered and on March 22, 2017, the organizing meeting held at the Burlington Golf & Country Club was attended by about 200 interested parties. As a result, 175 initial applications were submitted, and the rest as they say.....is history.”

Mike tells me he thoroughly enjoyed his years with Burlington Lakeshore PROBUS Club and will take many memories with him when he and Ruth move to London in April. He plans to approach a London area PROBUS club and hopes to find as much pleasure as he had here in Burlington PROBUS.

WE WILL MISS YOU MIKE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CLUB!!!

Jim Thurston

Guest Speaker – Dr. Paul Evans



Paul Evans (PhD with distinction Dalhousie University 1982) has been a Professor at the University of British Columbia since 1999, teaching Asian and trans-Pacific international relations. His work was based at the Institute of Asian Research and the Liu Institute for Global Issues which are both located in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA). On January 1, 2021, Dr. Evans was appointed the HSBC Chair in Asian Research.

Between 2005 and 2008, he was seconded from UBC to serve as the Co-CEO and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

A regionalist rather than country specialist, he has held visiting fellowships at the Australian National University (1988); National Chengchi University in Taiwan (1989); Chulalongkorn University (1989); the East-West Center (1995); the National Institute for Research Advancement in Tokyo (1999); Harvard University's Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies (2019); and the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore (2020) and spoken at universities and think tanks across the region.

An advocate of cooperative and human security, he has been studying and promoting policy-related activity on track-two security processes and the construction of multilateral institutions since 1988. He was a co-founder of the Council for Security Cooperation in Asia Pacific (CSCAP), the Canadian Consortium on Human Security, and the Canada-Korea Forum. He has directed exchange and partnership projects with fifteen research institutes in Asia and the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs funded by governments and foundations in Canada, Japan, the United States, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia. Between 1990 and 2002 he organized two dozen meetings involving participants from North Korea.

He is currently a Canadian representative on the ASEAN Regional Forum's Experts and Eminent Persons Group.

A member of the Global Council of the Asia Society in New York, he also sits on the editorial boards of *The Pacific Review*, the *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, the *China Quarterly for International Strategic Studies*, and *Mexico y la Cuenca del Pacifico*.

His graduate and undergraduate teaching at UBC focuses on Global China and World Order.

The author or editor of seven books, his first was a biography of John Fairbank, his most popular the two editions of a lexicon of Asia Pacific security terminology (with David Capie), and his most recent "Engaging China: Myth, Aspiration and Strategy in Canadian Policy from Trudeau to Harper," published in 2014.

His recent writings and media commentaries have focused on Canada-China relations, Asian security dynamics, and the emergence of techno-nationalism as a defining force in regional affairs.

He is married to Catherine Evans.

John McArthur, Speakers Committee

Membership



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Now - introducing our newest promotion for 2021!

Gentlemen, I've added a new feature to make it easier for you to win the "TWO NEW" contest!

**For a limited time I am offering
"CURBSIDE MEMBERSHIP"!!**

All you have to do is notify me of a new candidate for membership in the best men's club in Burlington and our membership team will do all the work for you!....WAIT, **there's more**, in addition, you as the nominator will get **TWO** additional tickets in the draw to win a fabulous dinner for you and your choice of companion....**WOW!**

It's easy, simply drop me a email with your name, telephone number and the new members contact email and telephone and we will do the rest 😊

Remember, this is a limited time offer, and when it's gone it's gone ☹️

Ken Medland

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Membership Chair
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Events Committee

With February taken up with a lockdown, the Events Committee has been largely inactive. We did send out a link to Ireland House's Virtual "Evening at the Brant Inn" and we hope you will take a serious look at it. It promises to be a fun event via Zoom. It is in support of Ireland House.



We will be taking a look at virtual events that we were working on prior to the latest lock down and will advise the membership as these take shape.

Mike Hill, Events Committee

Activities

Computer Interest Group

The next meeting will be via Zoom **on March 25** at 10 am. If you would like to join in on this virtual experience, please send an email to Robert Lalonde and he will be sure to include you in the Zoom Meeting invitation.



You can reach Robert at: robert.lalonde@me.com

ZOOM Meeting for March

I will be our meeting host and will email you the link for the ZOOM meeting on Sunday, March 7, so that it will be reasonably fresh in your inbox.

If you do not have the computing power, you can still call into the meeting by phone - I'll provide the number in the email I send the day before the meeting.

Come Early and Visit

Based on the positive feedback from the February meeting, we will again be setting up breakout rooms at the start of the March meeting. When you join the meeting, you will be assigned to a small breakout room of 6-8 fellow members. Enjoy some fellowship time in a small group before the meeting starts. The rooms will be open for you beginning at 9:30 am, so come early.

Our ZOOM meetings will be recorded and posted to our private YouTube channel. Recordings will be available for one month for the convenience of members who may have missed the live virtual meeting. To view the February meeting featuring David Chapman's presentation on Wild, Wierd and Wacky Weather, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/DymTnTkO25s>

Should the link not connect properly, copy and paste the link into your browser.

Dave McKenzie, Hi-Lites Editor

Cheer Committee

The Cheer Committee will contact or visit members or spouses who are ill. In the event of bereavement, a card of condolence will be sent to the family and, for a member, a memorial donation made to a charity of their choice. No mention of the situation will be made in the newsletter in order to maintain privacy.

Please inform John Hughes, if you are aware of anyone who has an illness or bereavement, for appropriate action:

John Hughes - (905) 333-4910

johnhiltonhughes@gmail.com

John Hughes, Cheer Committee



Next Month's Meeting

Monday, April 12 2021

Speaker: **Marvin Ryder**

Topic: **Topics of Business**

With Spring just around the corner, we offer this timely reminder of good times to come, thanks to Mike Hoshooley:

Golf Poem

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,
White And Dimpled, And Rather Small.
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By Its Size I Could Not Guess
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same
Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End;
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Curse And Made Me Cry,
And Hate Myself And Want To Die.
It Promises Me A Thing Called Par,
If I Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball,
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,
And Disappears Before My Eyes.
Often It Will Have A Whim,
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul,
If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,
But The Ball Knows .. I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

**Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs
And losers of balls!**

A recent study found that the average golfer
Walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that golfers drink, on
Average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

This means that, on average, golfers get about
41 miles to the gallon!

Kind of makes you proud.
Almost makes you Feel like a *hybrid*.

